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DIAMONDS

Early in the year we received reliable information that the price of diamonds was about to advance, the demand being much greater than the world's supply. Acting on this information we fortunately had a splendid stock of all sizes, which we can and will sell AT THE OLD PRICE, for since purchasing what we then considered enough to last us for a year, diamonds have advanced 25 per cent. Last week we made a cash offer for several thousand dollars worth at the old price, but the reply came: "Can not replace at less than 25 per cent. advance."

Take our advice, if you want any diamonds, get them now, while the price is still low, as when this stock is gone we positively can not duplicate it for the money.

Challoner & Mitchell,
THE JEWELLERS.
47 Government Street
Phone 575.

WESTSIDE...

EASTER OFFERINGS

There are so many items—all new, all pretty—clamoring for mention that the advertiser finds it difficult to decide which of them shall "get their names in the papers." Printer's ink can do but little justice to a showing such as this. We will simply mention a few of the many attractions.

Perrin's Kid Gloves All the new shades.
Handsome Costume Pieces Some Special Novelties Greatly Admired.
Spring Dress Goods All the Fashionable Styles.
Blouse Silks A Most Exquisite Collection.
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Crash Suits and Duck Suits. New York's Latest Creations.
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THE HUTCHESON COMPANY, LTD.



A Wise Stop

It doesn't matter what you want to buy, there's only one "BEST" place to get it. The reason for this is that we don't dabble in lines outside our business. We keep a sharp lookout for the best things, and people that buy from us get the benefit.

California Butter 50c. per roll
French Prunes 5c. per lb
Soluble Cocoa 25c. per lb
Best Tomatoes 2 tins for 25c
Best Corn, Peas, Beans . . 10c. per tin

Dixie H. Ross & Co.

Spring is at Hand

You don't need to wait until the thermometer registers 50 in the shade before you are convinced that spring is near at hand; you may as well acknowledge it at once. Garden making season is here, and you will need the proper tools for this pleasant occupation. Tools are what we sell and it will be surprising if your ingenuity can configure up anything in this line that we haven't got.

Nicholls & Renouf, Ltd.

Cor. Yates and Broad Sts.
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B. WILLIAMS & CO.,

Clothiers, Hatters and Outfitters.

100 CASES OF NEW SPRING GOODS
JUST RECEIVED.

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A PATENT RETORT AND
STEAM BOX DOOR

On exhibition under pressure of steam. Can be opened and closed in one minute. A perfect steam-tight joint.

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A carload of fine Wall
Papers just arrived.

A large assortment of the latest designs.

Some Handsome Friezes
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Victoria, B.C.



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250 Acres All Good Farming Land
Partly cleared and cultivated, 25 acres under first-class fruit trees. Dwelling of nice rooms; bath, hot and cold water and other conveniences. Barn with accommodation for 24 head of cattle. Whole farm fenced. Will be sold as a whole in lots of 20 acres and upwards. For particulars apply 40 GOVERNMENT ST. or MR. E. MUSGRAVE, on the premises.

EASTMAN'S Easter Violette PERFUME.

Put up in an elegant package.
The correct thing for Easter.
50c. per package.

JOHN COCHRANE, CHEMIST.

N.W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

Let Us Fill Your Prescription.

TENDERS.

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned until noon on the 29th April next, for the purchase of the property, 224-230, at 112 Government street, known as the Peacock's saloon. The property includes the buildings thereon, together with the license and good-will of an established saloon business. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. State terms. MRS. A. J. COCHRANE, 97 Quadra Street.

Balsam of Aniseed.

The reliable remedy for Coughs, Colds, Bronchitis, etc., prepared by

HALL & CO., DISPENSING CHEMISTS.

Clarence Bly. Yates and Douglas Sts.

FURNISHED OFFICES/ House-keeping Rooms.

Every convenience as well as most reasonable rent in The Williams Building, at Broad St. Apply to either Mr. Robert Day, agent, at Fort St., or to the owner, Mr. T. Williams.

AUCTION

In old Methodist Church, corner Pandora and Broad streets,
**THURSDAY, 30th MARCH
AT 2 P.M.**

FURNITURE, &C.

Bed Sets, Bedsteads, all sizes, Carpets, Wire, Box and Wood Mattresses, Very Fine Ash Sideboard, Bedding, Extension Tables, Kitchen Tables, Dining and Kitchen Chairs, Bookshelves, Cupboards, Rockers, Mirrors, Meat Safes, Dinner Sets, White Sewing Machine, Cook Stoves, Ice Chests, Tool Chests, Lounge, Showcases, etc., etc., Terms cash.

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DOG FOOD.....

Smith's Dog-Biscuits for working dogs. There's nothing better. No preparation is needed. Feed these Biscuits. They keep the dog healthy, and no other food is necessary.

For Sale by all Dealers and H. R. Smith & Co.

E. & D. BICYCLES

The 1899 Whistles just in, and undoubtedly

**THE BEST WHEEL
IN THE MARKET...**

LEADING FEATURES:
Four Point Bearings,
Absolutely Dust-Proof,
Requires no Oiling.

J. L. BECKWITH,
AGENT,
40 JOHNSON STREET.

VICTOR BICYCLES.

The highest grade possible to make. At the same price as low grade makes.

**VICTORS sell for \$55.00
STEAMERS 30.00
IMPERIAL 40.00**

First-class repair work.

JOHN BARNESLEY & Co.
119 Government street.

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(Hedberg and Leipzig). Late analyst for the Province of New Brunswick, Ontario, Board of Trade building, Victoria, B.C.

MINING REPORTS,

Working Estimates and Superintendence.

JAMES BRADY, M.E.,
The Balmoral, Victoria, B.C.

C. M. COOKSON, First-class plumbing, gas, steam and the water fitting, corner Broad and Johnson streets, Tel. 972. Jobbing promptly attended to.

COOL BURGLARS.

They Smoked Cigars While Forcing Open a Safe in an Office in New Westminster.

Vancouver, March 29.—A cool and deliberate burglary was committed in New Westminster last night, when the office of Messrs. Brackman & Ker, in their feed mill on Front street, was entered by evidently professional crooks, who are supposed to have crossed from Puget Sound. The mill was entered by a back window, then easy access was had to the office. The counter was removed to permit of the safe being tackled more easily, and the floor had been strewn with sacks. The whole office was rifled and the safe was opened by breaking off the big combination. Fifty dollars in cash was secured. While the burglars worked they smoked cigars taken from a box in the office. A cheque for \$250, not endorsed, was thrown to one side. The men must have been in the office for a couple of hours, but the only clue left was foot marks in soil outside.

W. T. Newman has bonded the Copper King mine on Texada Island for \$10,000. The option extends over 90 days.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Two Men Killed and Several Injured at Tule.

Tule, March 29.—Two men were killed and a number seriously injured by the blowing up of a dynamite factory here to-day. Careless handling of cartridges caused the explosion.

THE STRANDED NORSEMAN.

Marblehead, Mass., March 29.—There is every indication that all on board the Warren line steamer Norseman, which was wrecked on the coast of Alaska, are safe. The steamer, which carries about 4,000 tons of general merchandise, on this trip. There were 119 persons on board, including the crew of 58, and 44 cattlemen returning from England. The steamer struck at about half tide. There was a heavy swell, and the vessel was water in her hold. It is the opinion of sailors in this port who gathered to watch the work of rescuing those on board, that she can never be floated.

SAMOA NEGOTIATIONS.

London, March 29.—The Foreign Office authorizes the statement that the discussions going on between Great Britain, the United States and Germany with regard to Samoa are proceeding in a friendly and satisfactory manner.

At a meeting of the board of aldermen of Greater New York yesterday a motion requesting the use of eight-ounce gloves at all sparring exhibitions in the city of New York, and imposing a fine of \$500 for all violations of such ordinance, was referred to the committee on sewers.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—A Millinery trimmer at the White House.

WANTED—At once, first-class coat hands; banister boys; Willing and German; Thomas Bros. & Grant, Merchant Tailors, 45 Johnson street.

LOST—On Government or Fort street, between 45th and 46th streets, a black and white dog, kindly command with Times office.

A COMPETENT BOOKKEEPER wants a situation, either whole or part time; highest city references, and can furnish security if required. Address F. S. Times.

FOR SALE—21 acres good land, 23 clear, good buildings, 1 1/2 miles from city, 100 ft. frontage, \$100 per acre. A. Williams, 101 Yates street.

FOR SALE—Very good 5-roomed cottage, wired for electric light, very cheap, \$150; also a house, Victoria West, cheap, \$250; easy terms, no interest charged; 4 acres land, small cottage, good stable, \$450; farm, 100 acres, 20 acres cleared, \$2,500; easy terms, money to loan. A. Williams, Real Estate Agent, 104 Yates street.

THE FIRST B. C. SOCIETY OF SPIRITUALISTS will hold an Invitation Dance in Oliver's Hall on Thursday evening, March 30th.

FOR SALE—Lot 53 on Clarke street, Spring Ridge, for \$150 cash; this lot cost \$400, and is offered cheap in order to effect a sale. It is a very good lot and is situated on high ground; only two minutes' walk from the terminus of the Spring Ridge car line. A. W. More & Co., 86 Government street.

A BARGAIN FOR SALE (price \$2,500)—The whole of the property known as King's Bakery, etc., located on Alfred Chambers and Putnam streets, being six lots with house and garden, large barn and stable and brick bakery thereon. If not sold, the owner offers the premises for long lease to responsible party. Apply to John D. Lovell, 180 View street.

COAL AND WOOD—Best sack, \$5.50; Dry Wood, per cord, \$3.50. Flint & Co., 15 Broad street.

COAL, \$5.50 PER TON—New Wellington Colliery, Colliery & Coal Co., 44 Fort street; telephone call 617.

COAL AND WOOD—Baker & Colston, wharf and office, Belleville street, James Bay, telephone 477; city office, Westminster, 400, telephone 401.

PROP. KAUFFMAN, from Chicago, Piano, Violin and mandolin, Room 77, Fire Station block. Office hours, 2 to 5 p.m. Best reference—moderate terms.

DR. J. H. HARRISON, 222 MAIN STREET, DRESS 902, MOUNTAIN STREET.

A Picture of Desolation

Filipinos Flee From Their Homes on the Approach of Soldiers.

Panic Stricken They Desert Two Towns Leaving Money and Valuables Behind.

Advance of the Americans—Natives To-Day Offer but Little Resistance.

New York, March 29.—A despatch to the Herald from Manila dated Tuesday says: Information received here indicates that the insurgent capital has been removed from Malolos to San Fernando. The army has not advanced to-day. The men are building bridges, and awaiting for supplies to come up. The insurgents burned Bulacan this afternoon. Marines are patrolling Malabon. The monitor Monocock shelled Las Pinas, south of the city, this noon.

The lines are being strengthened at Pasay and some firing is going on in the vicinity of that place.

When General McArthur's force encamped last night the Third Artillery was across the railroad bridge in Manila, and the Nebraska regiment was in the wood on the extreme right. The other troops had not gone across the river.

At half-past five o'clock the insurgents appeared on the edge of the woods, a mile and a half off. They deployed in skirmishing line, about a mile long, and advanced quickly, swinging to the left to drive the Third Artillery away from the bridge. The Kansas volunteers promptly crossed the bridge in columns of fours to give support to the Third Artillery. They lost two men killed and some wounded in their advance.

At the same time, the First Montana regiment crossed the river on a pontoon bridge and took a position on the extreme left, so as to be able to cut off the back of the insurgents if the latter came far enough. They lost six men wounded in this movement, while the Third Artillery had two sergeants and one man killed and two wounded.

Masked by the woods, the Nebraska volunteers were not seen by the enemy. They suddenly opened a flank fire on the insurgent's line, and left their trenches with a great shout. At the sight of the whole insurgent force, officers and men fled pell-mell. The eager Nebraska men chased them a mile and a half, but were finally drawn back by General McArthur to preserve the line intact.

The Advance.

Manila, March 29, noon.—The American army advanced at six o'clock this morning, sweeping onward three miles before ten o'clock, and driving the rebels beyond Buena, to the west of Bulacan and on the railroad leading to Malolos. Our troops met with but slight resistance.

The Filipinos fired volleys yesterday evening for the purpose of drawing the American fire, and disclosing the locality of their positions. Two men of the Pennsylvania regiment and one man of the Nebraska regiment were wounded. The Americans remained silent.

A Picture of Desolation.

Smoke is curling from hundreds of ash heaps, and the remains of trees and fences, torn by shrapnel, are to be seen everywhere.

The general appearance of the country is as if it had been swept by a cyclone. The roads are strewn with furniture and clothing dropped in the flight of the Filipinos. The only people remaining behind are a few aged persons, too feeble to escape. They cower behind the ruins of their former homes, and beg passers by for any kind of assistance; the majority of them living on the generosity of the soldiers who give them portions of their rations.

Dogs belonging to the Filipinos cover the bushes, still terrified and barking while hundreds of pigs are to be seen busily searching for food.

The Bodies of Dead Filipinos

are stranded in the shallows of the river, or are resting in the jungle where they crawled to die, or were left in the wake of the hurriedly retreating army. These bodies give forth a horrible odor, and there is no one present to bury them.

The inhabitants who fled from Maricao and Maycapan, left in such a panic that on the tables our soldiers found spread money and valuables, and in the rooms and trunks containing other property of value. This was the case in most of the houses deserted. They were not molested by the American soldiers, but Chinese, who slip in between the armies, are looting when they can. They have taken possession of several houses, and over them raised Chinese flags, some of which were torn down. An old woman was found hidden in a house at Maycapan yesterday just dead, apparently from fright and hunger.

Despatch From Otis.

Washington, March 29.—The following cablegram from General Otis has been received by Adjutant-General Corbin: "Manila, March 29.—McArthur's advance yesterday was only to the outskirts of Maricao. It took until late in the afternoon to reach the town and

railway bridges, and send cars through with supplies.

"The advance commenced at six this morning. The men marched rapidly on Buena, and will continue to Bigas, seven miles from Malolos. The enemy having destroyed the railway and telegraph line, a construction train is following our forces.

"The enemy's resistance was not so vigorous to-day. Our loss thus far is slight. Toward the front of our advance are being destroyed by fire. The troops are in excellent spirits. (Signed) Otis."

The Filipinos Retreating.

Manila, March 29, 7:30 p.m.—At daylight General McArthur's division advanced from Manila along the railroad to Bigas five miles distant in the following order: The Nebraska regiment, the South Dakota regiment and the Pennsylvania regiment on the right; the Kansas regiment, the Third Artillery and the Montana on the left.

General Wheaton's brigade is in reserve.

The marine forces met with strong opposition in the jungle. First one of the Nebraska, then one of the Pennsylvania and afterwards two of the Montana regiment were killed, and thirty-four wounded, including an officer of the Kansas regiment.

Thence the troops pushed on to Bigas without opposition, the rebels burning the villages as they retreated in bad order to Malolos. The enemy also tore up sections of the railroad in many places and attempted to burn the bridge at Bigas, but the fire was extinguished owing to the timely arrival of Americans.

The rebels had not finished their trenches along the line of to-day's march, showing that they were not prepared for our advance. It is believed, however, that there will be hard fighting before Malolos is taken.

The Minnesota regiment re-inforced the division to-day, marching from the water works during the night to Manila and going to the front by train.

Volunteers for Manila.

Washington, March 29.—A cabinet meeting has been called for 11 o'clock this morning. It is understood on good authority that President McKinley will at once issue a call for 25,000 volunteers for work at Manila. These men, it is said, will probably be selected from the west.

THE ALASKA BOUNDARY.

Senator Fairbank Will Make a Trip to the Lyman Canal to Study the Subject.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 29.—Senator Fairbank, of the Joint High Commission, announces that he intends to make a trip to Alaska this spring. The time of the departure is dependent upon word from Senator Perkins, of California, who will be a member of the party. The plan is to go to the head of the Lyman Canal, which is 15 or 20 miles from the scene of the recent rioting over the boundary line. The trip will be for the purpose of making an investigation of the boundary question. Senator Fairbank says that two or three members of the commission besides himself will make the trip.

GRAND TRUNK SHAREHOLDERS.

London, March 29.—A meeting of the shareholders of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada to-day unanimously adopted the report. There was no incident of note.

The president, Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, explained that the great decrease in freightage was largely due to the fact that prosperous farmers were withholding their grains in the hope of betterment, and also the rate war, which is now settled, and which is unlikely to recur. Sir Charles also praised the work of Mr. Charles M. Hayes, the American general manager of the road, who was present, and the meeting passed a vote of thanks to Mr. Hayes.

OTIS HAS PLENTY OF SOLDIERS.

Washington, March 29.—It is stated at the war department that the subject of mustering in 25,000 volunteers, as permitted by the army reorganization bill, has not been mentioned to the President, either by Acting Secretary of War McLaughlin, or Adjutant-General Corbin. There is no intention to bring forward this question at present, as with the troops already ordered to Manila, and which it will take some months to transport thither, General Otis says, "all the forces necessary to accomplish what is desired of him in the Philippines."

VANDERBILT'S WEDDING PRESENT.

New York, March 29.—The World says: "William K. Vanderbilt has duplicated his wedding present to his daughter, Consuelo, Duchess of Marlborough, for his son, William K. Vanderbilt, Jr. Securities amounting in value to \$10,000,000 have been turned over to the young man by his father. Miss Virginia Fair, the bride to be, is said to have \$5,000,000 in her own right."

POPE THANKS HIS PHYSICIAN.

Rome, March 29.—The Pope has sent to Dr. Marzoni, one of the physicians who treated him so successfully during his recent illness, a gold ring set with brilliant and an autograph letter thanking him for his cure.

SHERMAN AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 29.—Ex-Secretary of State John Sherman is again at his residence in this city. He reached here at seven o'clock from old Point Comfort. During the night he had rested fairly well and was feeling no worse than usual.

"The White Man's Burden"

The United States Wished to Get Rid of the Philippines.

It Was Proposed That Great Britain Should Take Over the Islands.

London, March 29.—The Birmingham Post to-day publishes a report emanating from a usually very well-informed source, that the United States at the beginning of February "proposed" through Sir Julian Pauncefote, that Great Britain take over the Philippine Islands upon certain conditions, but it is added, "this feeling had altered greatly since the heavy fighting," although it is said beyond doubt the United States would at one time "have been very glad to exchange or otherwise disburden themselves of the permanent charge of the islands."

NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

Editor Fined For Assault and Intimidation—The Winnipeg and Brockville Vacancies.

Ottawa, March 29.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Bostock introduced a bill to incorporate the Northern Telegraph Company, which was read for the first time.

Mr. H. H. Logan introduced a bill to incorporate the Alaskan Yukon Railway. The debate on the address was continued by Mr. Bourassa, Liberal, and secretary of the Joint high commission.

The Speaker's attention was called to the death of Messrs. Wood and Jameson, and he said he would have warrants issued.

Editor Morrison of the Citizen was fined \$20 and costs for an assault on Mr. Wrightson, editor of the Tribune, and \$50 and costs for intimidation of Major Rathbone of the Tribune, in the police court to-day.

Mr. T. O. Davis, M.P., Saskatchewan, has returned from Brockville, where he was assisting at the Liberal convention to select a candidate for the House of Commons in the place of the late Hon. J. F. Wood. Mr. Davis says that Mr. Comstock, the choice of the convention, will be elected.

A number of members of parliament took advantage of the cheap trip to New York yesterday to go and spend the Easter holidays there. W. W. B. McInnes, M.P., was among them.

MARCHAND RETURNING.

The Friendship Between Britain and America Displaces the French.

Paris, March 29.—Captain Marchand, whose occupation of Fashoda on the upper Nile nearly brought on war between France and Great Britain, will be conveyed home on a warship. The cruiser Assas has been ordered to the duty.

It is rumored M. Cambon, French ambassador to the United States, will shortly be replaced at Washington by some one whose family connections will help to counteract Britain's growing influence with America.

OFFICERS TO BLAME.

The Captain and First Mate of the Cas Hiam Are Charged by Court of Enquiry.

Ottawa, March 29.—The Marine Department was advised to-day that the court of enquiry into the loss of the Allan Line steamship Cas Hiam, which was wrecked near Yarmouth, N. S., have given their decision concerning the captain and first officer. The certificates and all other papers have been returned to the department.

CHICAGO PRELATE'S FUNERAL.

Chicago, March 28.—There was solemn high requiem mass to-day at the Cathedral of the Holy Name over the remains of the Right Rev. James, Diognesi, formerly Roman Catholic bishop of Chicago. Before the services thousands of people passed by the casket containing the body of deceased Archbishop Peahan and 150 priests participated in the impressive services. The body of the dead bishop was laid to rest in Calvary cemetery.

A HARTFORD BLAZE.

Hartford, Conn., March 29.—Damage for the extent of \$150,000 was caused this morning by a fire, which destroyed the office, building of J. I. Howard and the J. I. Howard Company's factory, on South Main street, and damaged several adjoining buildings.

THE CUBAN DEBT.

Madrid, March 29.—An official gazette to-day publishes a decree establishing a credit of 13,656,500 pesetas for the payment of the interest of the Cuban debt on April 1.

IAN McLAUREN'S ESCAPE.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 29.—Dr. Watson (Ian McLaren) was not injured in the railroad wreck here last night. He was in the hospital for a few days, but is now able to walk.

Indian Pictures

Another Letter From the London Daily Mail's Correspondent.

Mr. G. W. Steevens Tells of the Villagers and Their Ways.

AGRA.

The tents of my host, the landlord of fifty villages, were pitched under a black green mango grove. The headman of the next village, but one had come to camp to conduct the Miskar to see his property—a tall, thin-legged old man with white hair and moustache, wearing only a dast-white shirt and drawers and a little line belt round the middle of his right calf. When he came up he saluted, and then held out a rupee in the palm of his hand. The landlord touched it and saluted; thereby signifying that, while all that was the headman's was his, of his bounty he requited it.

We plodded off in the happy sunshine; over a switch-back track of caked mud and powdered dust, through cornfields and pastures as far as I could see. With the barley they had sown—ripe, now in tall, yellow bloom or just making seed. Here and there a grove of trees; now and again a brown-legged, bowing cultivator; all the rest was a canopy of pale blue sunlight spread over a carpet of full-blooded green shot with gold.

When we came to the tumble of wall and grass that peasants streamed out from every hole; all bore rupees and hurried saluting to have them touched and remitted.

Such is the Use of India.

But as rupees have ever been scarce since then, you may see a furtively pass the wherewithal for the necessary salutation behind his back to another. They led us with ceremony to the village meeting-place—a fair-sized, open portion of sun-dried mud brick with a yard before it under trees. There two old wicker chairs were set for the sahibs, and the village started on a semicircle before. A few white-bearded elders—the ryot does not often live to fifty—many young men, more children, they stood or squatted on their heels after the native mode; not on the ground, under a stand, but literally on the tendons of their heels. As it was mid-day, most of them were naked but for a loin-cloth. There was little enough of the rainbow brightness of city costumes; a shirt or two had been seen, but most had never been more than white, and were now but a shade whiter than their owner's fields. As the landlord dismounted of crops and rain and canals, fathers held their babies on their hips—the women, of course, were hidden indoors; and it was a little pathetic to contrast the pot bellies of the children with the skin-and-bone of the men. It is scarce exaggerating to say that every rich native in India is fat; wherefore you may infer that the hundreds of millions of skeletons are lean because they must—because they live from harvest to seed time and through to harvest again with bellies half empty.

But they are a patient people, the villagers of India; they have been hungry these thirty centuries or so, and it has never occurred to them that they have any claim to be filled. They grumble a little, to be sure—what tiller of the soil ever did else? They do not get enough water from the government canal, and the Chyler, was rains had not fallen; and they were poor men. When, in due course, we went out to inspect everything from the fields to the cakes of condung fuel that were being stacked and covered up against the rainy season—the landlord observed:

A Broken Well, and offered to pay one-half of its repairing if the village would pay the other. They responded with effusion that if the sahib would find bricks and mortar and labour they would do the rest. Yet, instead of beginning from the landlord, they desired that their lords would honor them by drinking a cup of milk. So two little earthen cups were brought, of the material of flower-pots, and into them was poured milk, still hot from the boiler. Then the lords drank; and then the cups were smashed to earth. They were useless now; the man of meanest caste would never drink out of a cup that had been profaned by white lips. Water was brought, and the man who poured out the milk washed his hands thoroughly. The landlord asked his manager if he would take milk, too; he shook his head, with a smile. For he is a Brahman, and is as much about drinking from a vessel as the milk-washer is about touching, as the lower caste is about drinking after a sahib.

Now, as the bits of potatoes were still tumbling on the ground, there struck up a medley of singing, half-wailing chorus behind the corner of the wall. There appeared a little group of women in very faded garments, half-veiling their faces carefully, half-turning their backs. These were low-caste women, and they were singing a hymn of praise expressive of the virtues of the landlord. That also is use and want. The subject of their praise called up one grand-dam and gave her silver, and the chorus stopped, amid the approving salaams of the village. They will call you "lord" and "protector of the poor"; they will sing hymns to you; but they smash the bowl you drank from. What could be more eloquent of the land of contradictions?

The salt contained in pure, fresh fruits is beneficial to the system. The scarcity of fresh fruits in the winter time is often a cause of serious illness. The basis of ABBEY'S EFFERVESCENT SALT is the salt extracted from the juices of fresh fruits. It keeps you in excellent health the year round. All druggists sell this standard English preparation at 60c a large bottle; trial size, 25c.

The cultivator, to whom both these formalities are religion, is not, you will have noticed, a beautiful nor rich, gifted nor industrious.

Nor Especially Virtuous. Nor even amiable. He has only one point of interest; which is that there are two hundred and forty millions like him. He is clothed in calico and fed on unleavened dough called chapatties and on pulse. He has two distinct ones—marriages and funerals. At these he spends all he has; and notes to make up, he borrows from the village bunnia, who is shopkeeper and Shylock in one. The bunnia charges 37½ per cent, as a minimum. When harvest comes, he takes over the ryot's corn and credits him for it, not at market price, but on a scale of his own. The ryot keeps back enough, perhaps, for a few weeks' food; after that he must come to the bunnia for seed at sowing-time, and weekly for his children's food. The bunnia lends him back his own corn at 37½ to 75 per cent. Presently, it may be, the bunnia takes one of the ryot's bullocks in part-payment, and the man makes shift to plough with one. He does it very badly, though not much worse than he would have done with two. Then, perhaps, the bunnia takes the other bullock, and then—but, rarely, for this is killing the goose—the land. Or it may be the ryot has the luck to live all his life without paying his creditor anything beyond what he has, less his bare livelihood. Then he dies happy, and bequeaths the remainder of his debt to his son.

Nevertheless, when the landlord offers to buy crops at market rate and advance seed corn at market rate, charging only 6 per cent, interest, the cultivator smokes contentedly and declines. He knows that the landlord will not lend him for weddings and funerals, and if he borrows seed from the landlord neither will the bunnia; so he goes back to his 37½. He has only his own ignorance, indolence, and thriftlessness to thank for his wretchedness. He is miserable, and he is content. Everybody else in India has a grievance; the cultivator, the backbone of the country and

The Worst-Used Man in It.

That his situation really is his fault, you may convince yourself by going on ten miles or so to a Jat village. The Jats are not a very illustrious tribe, whose centre a hundred years ago was Bhurpur; at that period they rose to military eminence, and whenever they were short of cash looted agha; they inflicted on our armies one of the severest defeats we ever got in India. As cultivators the Jats are excellently good, being both expert and of an unenvied industry. In the village proper, as you go on, you notice that the road is exceptional—not metalled, of course, but still flat and fairly level. The bullocks you meet in the heavy-wheeled carts are big and well-thriven. In the village itself, the houses are mostly of sun-dried mud. It is true, but they are stable and lofty; moreover, before several of the best lay pillars of fire-brick. One Croesus actually had a tall, burned-brick gateway with a many-peaked arch. There were more brass vessels to be seen than elsewhere, which is a sure sign of prosperity. Then there was a little hole in a corner wall for a lamp at night, which reeked of public spirit; and in one rich man's court were more than two horses. His house was well-built, and furnished entirely with six wood-framed cord-strung beds and brass pots; but his two-year-old dilly will bring him a little fortune at the horse-fair next week.

Even in the excitement of

The Landlord's Visit, the secret of Jat prosperity was plain enough. Simply work. At the entrance to the village the sugar mill was going—three rollers revolved by a lever, which two oxen pulled round and round; as a by-product in the cane, the squeezed fragments of cane fell on one side to be used for fuel, and the juice ran into a tank on the other. It was boiling in vats under a roof of hard brick, and the yellow result—pease-pudding you would have called it at ten yards—was already being made into cakes of the finished product. The men who worked the machine got back its cost in two years' hire of it, and has made a fortune. But the Jats do well with their sugar, despite the rent of the machine. They work day and night at it, jolting the juice of cane, and they toll toll at everything.

But in this world even Jats are not always happy. When, at the village meeting-place, after the milk-boils were duly smashed, the landlord asked if all was well, a meddlesome young man, holding the manager's horse, cried aloud that it was not. He was of a low caste, which in towns usually works in leather; in villages does any menial labor it can. Now in this town were sixteen families of the caste, and he, the manager, promised them the lease of certain land then held by the headman of the village. But Hukm Singh had not given it up, cried the shabby youth, and moreover, had oppressed their people and got a decision from the court by fraud and at-fact their standing crops. "If it were said," said the landlord, "Come then to my tents in the afternoon, and let Hukm Singh come also." For the headman, at the moment, was discreetly absent. "Will I come?" cried the young man of low caste. "I will run; I will follow my lord now."

Every afternoon the sahib sits in his office and his tenants squat before him and cry aloud their plaints, and he does justice between them, as it was the age of gold. First comes, out of politeness, the owner of the mango-grove—we are camped in. "You see, I am again camping on your land," says the sahib. "I am my lord's," replies the owner, radiant in gold-brided cap, dove-colored cloth coat, and clear, white drawers that cling like a skin, "and all that is mine is my lord's." Then he goes on to complain that he has lost 3,000 rupees by a speculation in corn, and heave heaves his non-front at the want of the Christmas rain. He recalls with a sigh the golden day when a cavalry regiment, marching from Allahgarh, camped in the middle of his wheat-field; whereafter the native officials did indeed intercept his compensation of the way to him, but by reason of the manner he got the best crop ever seen in any country. "If the merciful God will send us rain," he sighs, rising, "I may yet be well." And goes out, knowing himself to be a very rich man, and the best-reputed in all the country side. For when his father died he feasted sixteen villages!

Next the complaints. The manager sits on the floor at the landlord's feet, and the clerk, sitting beside him, reads out Hukm Singh's documents in a decorous official drone. While he still reads, the plaintiff, squatting on his heels in the dust-clothed, pucker-faced, starveling ring outside the tent, breaks in before the second paragraph the defendant adds a third eye to the chorus. Each slaps his palm, waves his arm, with convulsions. All the complaints are of

Fraud Upon the Poor by the not-quite-so-poor. An official of the

estate has taken 5s. of rent and given no receipt; a man was granted a plot for his house, and the landlord has not let him build thereon.

Then come the low-caste people and the headman. The caste, which the courts only made worse, now takes what you call a sensational development. "My lord," says the defendant, "It is even so. I fled before the court, but before the presence I cannot lie. It was thus. When I told the manager I would quit the land I believed it was to be let to men of my own caste. But when I found it was to these, what could I do? So I told the manager I would give up the land and did not." It should be explained that a landlord can only evict a tenant during three months, when the fields are presumably bare of village; and by his promise to the manager the silly headman had stayed over this period. "Then, when those people troubled me," he adds, entirely unashamed, though his victims and half his acquaintance are squatting by, "I went to the village accountant, and since three families of them owed me money I had no hand. I induced him to write in his register that this was not a loan but rent. So I went to the court and we swore, and attached their crops." Again, it must be remembered that there is a summary process for rent, but not to recover other debts; the headman had bribed the accountant to falsify his register by way of putting on the screw; and the court had believed the headman and the registrar.

The rich man told his story without a blush, and none of his countrymen condemned him. But the Presence ordered that the attachment should be taken off and the land leased to the poor families; at the same time the debtors must give a bond and repay by easy instalments at 6 per cent. From all of which proceedings you will perceive that the ryot's foes are of his own household.

So, having protected the poor, the landlord struts forth in his divine Indian evening. The pungent, pest-smelling smoke from the fires lies in low, grey stripes in the breathless silence. From a tower in the village floats the voice of the muezlin as he calls the believers to prayer. At the well-wild-eyed bullocks draw a rope down an incline; a huge leather bucket comes up, and is emptied into the stone cisterns and conduits about the river. Men are washing their clothes, women their cooking-pots; the water-seller fills his skin and carries it away, dripping on his brown back. Through the conditings the water sluices out among the barley; in the fields men with big-bladed hoes break down or build up the little earthen embankments that guide the blessed water this way and that. At the post the washermen are hanging clothes clean against large stones. In a field embanked into little chequers an old man is picking out onions. "I am planting them for my lord," says he with politeness, "since I have killed the ones that were here." "Did the frost then go so deep down into the ground?" asks the landlord, incredulous. "If you cut off a man's head," responds the sage, "how shall he walk upon his feet?"

G. W. STEEVENS.

RIOT AT KINGSTON.

American Sailors Have a Two Hours' Fight and Several Are Wounded.

Kingston, Jamaica, March 28.—A fight took place here to-night among sailors of the American fleet over an old feud about the flagship New York's alleged absence from the fighting at the battle of Santiago. The trouble lasted over two hours. Several men were slightly wounded, and Gren and Armstrong, of the Texas, were most seriously injured. Both men are in the hospital, where they are pronounced to be in a dangerous condition. The wounds were inflicted by a colored man named Johnson.

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For Pender and Moresby Islands, Friday at 7 o'clock.

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CASCADE CITY.

On Tuesday night the till of the Hotel Gladstone was robbed of between \$50 and \$75 in silver. There is no clue to the thief.

Some time on Friday night the contractor stable was broken into and Jack Stewart's saddle horse, with the saddle, was made off with.

Angus Cameron has been appointed Cascade manager of the new telephone line, and says he is to have the office open here within six weeks, or by May 1st.

VANCOUVER.

Miss Grady, daughter of Mr. J. W. Grady, of the police department, is seriously ill.

The bicycle thief is about once more and has caused a few machines to be listed as missing.

George Fisher, a native of Ramadale, Bashtoke, England, and late waiter at the Badminton, died yesterday. The funeral will be on Wednesday at 2 p.m. from St. James' church.

The Stanley park zoo has been further enlarged by the arrival of two American birds of the species commonly known as "latching jacks." They were brought over on the R. M. S. Warimoo by Mr. R. Walker.

It is reported that Lieutenant-Colonel Worsnop has received assurance from Mr. G. R. Maxwell, M.P., that the government will devote a sufficient sum to the repair of the Central Park range to render it perfectly safe this year for the Lee-Enfield rifle. This will give the mill-timen seven targets instead of three as at present.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

Work was commenced Monday on the new residence which is being built for Mrs. William Johnston, Agnes street.

On Sunday morning, at 7:45 o'clock, a severe shock was felt, as of an earthquake. No noise, or other indication of the cause of the quaking was noticeable, except in the West End of the city, persons living there, subsequently, reported a loud explosion in the direction of Lulu Island.

For some time past there has been blasting in that direction, in a small way, but the Sunday morning blast must have exhausted the magazine.

The death occurred at 11 o'clock on Monday morning, in St. Mary's Hospital, of Scott McMurtry, aged twenty years. The deceased young man was a native of McDermott, N. B., and came here about a year ago. Since then he has been employed as second steward on the C. P. N. Company's steamers Transfer and Beaver. Two weeks ago he was stricken with typhoid fever, and taken to St. Mary's Hospital, but, in spite of all that was done for him, he succumbed as above stated.

On Saturday evening, says the Columbian, the fire hall on Royal avenue was the scene of a pleasant social, or, rather, fraternal gathering of all present, and past members of the New Westminster fire department, since the going out of the occasion of the Hyack company. The celebration of the gathering was the approaching retirement of Chief Ackerman and Firemen E. B. Brown and Newton Brown, and all had assembled, and these three were given a pleasant little surprise by being presented by their comrades with souvenirs. To Mr. Ackerman was presented a handsome gold chain and locket, as a memento of two years' service as chief of the fire department. Mr. Brown received a pair of ivory, gold-mounted opera glasses, and to Mr. Brown was given a handsome watch chain. All presentations were gratefully acknowledged.

Sunday turned out a favorable day in every respect for the 5th Regt. C.A., and there was a good muster. 83 officers and men out of a total of 94. The company paraded at the armories, and proceeded to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. After the service the corps re-formed on Carnarvon street, and returned through Merrivale and Third streets and Queen's avenue to the armories. Before dismissing the men Major Whyte addressed them briefly, congratulating them on their satisfactory appearance. It is understood No. 1 will join in a battalion church parade at Vancouver two weeks hence.

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The "Dunlop Annual" is attracting considerable attention.

An elderly gentleman stepped into the office of the Dunlop Tire Company on the morning of the 15th inst. "He said he read in the papers about their offer of a pair of tires to each of the first five readers of the Dunlop Annual finding the most typographical errors in their 1899 book.

The above mentioned gentleman was evidently a professional proof-reader. In one minute he had found an error hidden on the first page of the reading. But one error does not necessarily count as the "most" errors there may be others. The Dunlop Company hold the offer open for a month. Every letter received will be dated and filed away. Any error must be designated by the numbered page.

Readers of this paper who cannot get the "Annual" from a bicycle dealer should write to Department L, Dunlop Tire Company, Toronto.

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for some time, and have tried many remedies to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of, and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved. In a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned. - Josh. Edgar, Gormantown, Cal.

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THE AMERICAN BOY.

Judgment Delivered by Mr. Justice Martin in an Important Case.

The appeal of Wham Braden from the decision of the ex-Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works was, as briefly stated in yesterday's Times, dismissed. The following is the full text of the written judgment handed down by Mr. Justice Martin:

After full consideration of the cases which I have been referred to by counsel for the petitioner, beginning with Silver vs. Ladd (1898) 7 Wall, 219, and ending with Sanford vs. Sanford (1891) 139 U. S., at 646, I have come to the conclusion that I am unable to apply the principles laid down in those authorities to this case, for the reason that while they sustain the contention that in certain cases a grant may be subject to attack, yet they are no guide as to what course should be pursued where there is a statutory provision of the nature of section 37 of the Mineral Act (1891) Amendment Act, 1892, relied on by the respondent here. Mr. Braden's suggestion, that, because the petitioner's adverse proceedings (Kilbourne vs. McGuigan, 1897, S. B. C. 233), have been terminated by a regrettable error which prevented the merits being gone into, they should not be regarded as a final termination of the matters in controversy between the parties, is, in my opinion, given effect to in view of the said section.

It may possibly be that in this case there has been a hardship, but I take the view that speedy finality of litigation and a quieting of the title with all due celerity are the dominant policy of the Mineral Act.

Taken as a whole, section 37 may be regarded as a provision of the same nature as the statutes of limitation, provided that in case any one has a claim to the ground applied for, he must substantiate such claim within a prescribed time, or be forever barred, except in case of fraud on the part of the adverse applicant.

In my opinion the fact that the respondent, but abandoned them, does not, under the circumstances of this case, in any way lessen its rights under the said section.

It seems unnecessary to supplement the reasons given by the honorable the chief commissioner of lands and works, which are set out at length in the appeal book, though the case of the St. Louis Mining Co. vs. the Montana Mining Co. (1898), 171 U. S., might be added to the list of authorities. The appeal will be dismissed with costs.

(Sd.) ALCHER MARVIN, J.

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BODIES FROM THE RUINS.

New York, March 28.—The remains of three victims of the hotel fire were taken from the ruins to-day. This brings the number of unknown bodies up to twenty-six.

Chicago, March 28.—This afternoon five bodies were recovered from the ruins of the Armorel hotel, which were burned last night. Four of the bodies recovered were identified. The recovered bodies are those of Wm. Rickesacker, aged 40; John B. Gorge, aged 60, unmarried; James Flanagan, aged 24; John Smith, aged 18; unidentified man burned beyond recognition, thought to be the remains of Daniel Sheehan.

The Former is Cured, the Latter Prevented by Dr. Chase's Great Twin Remedies.

A glance at the newspapers is sufficient to arouse alarm at the unusual number of deaths from pneumonia, and in almost every case the illness began with a gripe.

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Bench Claims Are Rich

The Finding of Paystreaks Eases the Money Market at Dawson.

Traffic on the Lakes and Rivers Will be Very Heavy This Summer.

T. A. Davies, the Dawson correspondent of the Post-Intelligencer, who has just returned, says the bench claims on Hunker, Bonanza and El Dorado are wonderfully rich. "It is not an uncommon thing," says Mr. Davies, "for a man to rock out \$750 or \$1,000 in a day from one of these claims. This is, of course, easing the money market at Dawson, which for a time was tight. Benchers (that is a term applied to men owning bench claims) on Hunker, Gold Hill, Victoria gulch and Gold run are doing up especially well, and this summer when washing begins, big cleanups will be made. The old claims on El Dorado, Bonanza and Hunker creeks are assured, so that it would not surprise me to hear that \$15,000,000 or more will be taken out this year. For a time the benches did not do very well, but finally they found the pay streak, and then it was easy sailing. All they had to do was to use a common rocker and in an hour there was gold dust and nuggets enough to meet their obligations and purchase whatever they desired.

"The claims on Dominion look up well, but they are spotted. That is, there are spots where absolutely nothing is found and other places where gold is plentiful. People owning claims on Sulphur creek do not expect to realize any great amount, as laymen are giving up their claims and seeking work in the richer gulches. After Spring has a good claim on Gold Hill and will clean up a handsome amount this year.

"Provisions are plentiful in Dawson, and prices generally are stiff. There is a scarcity of condensed milk and tobacco, but even these articles will hold out until supplies can be taken in. But few little men are seen in Dawson, and even they could get work were they so inclined.

"The weather, while it was in Dawson, was very cold, ranging from 20 to 45 degrees below zero, but that did not prevent the cold nearly so keenly as at Skagway.

"I left Dawson on the trip out March 4, making Skagway in fourteen days. When about 40 miles out of Dawson I met Lina Kelle, Sidney Hansard, and Bob Webb. They had had a severe trip and looked thin, but they were in excellent spirits and should have reached the city by March 5. I also met Jack Carr, the mail carrier, about six miles out of Dawson, and Kelly, the druggist, about thirty miles. Coming out the travelling was fine, but going in it was simply awful; worse than that, it was dangerous. I fell in the river at Five Fingers while assisting an old man, and maybe I didn't hurry to change my clothes, which would have frozen on me in a very few seconds, as the thermometer was lurking down about the 40 point.

"The steamboat lines which will operate on the lakes this summer are getting ready for business. There will be at least twenty boats plying between Dawson and Lake Bennett, and at least a dozen from White Horse to Lake Bennett and Atlin. Some of these steamers will be as finely fitted as the Flyer, one in particular, being built for H. Mairland Kersey, of New York. This steamer will be 115 feet long and will cost \$75,000. It will run from Bennett, White Horse and Atlin, and connect with the steamers Columbian, Canadian, Victorian, Anglian and others. By June the White Pass railroad should be extended to Bennett, and this will give through transportation by boat and rail from Seattle to Dawson in not more than ten days.

THE AMERICAN ADVANCE.

Soldiers Will Probably Make an Attack on Bulacan To-day.

Manila, March 28.—The United States soldiers will advance at daylight to-morrow, taking four days' rations with them and having two hundred rounds of ammunition in their belts. They expect to take Bulacan, on the railroad to the east of Bulacan. Reports show 20 Americans killed and 61 wounded on our side yesterday. The Dakotas lost 10 killed and 37 wounded.

Philippine prisoners state that Aguinaldo's generals, Garcia, Tofre and Palao, were with the Filipino army yesterday and drove their followers into the first aggressive demonstrations. The rebels attempted to charge across the plain east of the railroad, but the Americans charged to meet them and the Filipinos bolted after a few shots, leaving several men killed on the field. The Filipino prisoners further declare the rebels have lost all taste for fighting and their officers have to keep them in line by beating them with swords. The prisoners say Aguinaldo has declared that if the American army take the Filipino capital he will surrender.

Washington, March 28.—According to a report received at the war department to-day the supply trains are well up with the troops.

The advance line is now beyond Maricao and almost up to a large town of Bulacan. At the rate of progress made in the last two days, the next 24 hours should bring the American force well up to the insurgent capital, if indeed the assault on that place is not begun by that time.

Leading officials at the war department referred to-day to the desperation with which the insurgents were fighting. It was taken as an indication that they had staked everything on the outcome of this fight and losing it that they would submit rather than prolong a hopeless struggle.

London Press on the Situation.

London, March 28.—In an editorial commenting upon a suggestion thrown out by the New York Times regarding the "mischief of a feeling of respect for the Philippines," the Times says the growth of such sentiment does "harm to the Americans as long as their respect

is confined to bravery and endurance, and no inference is drawn from the military to the civic capabilities of the natives. "Until the Filipinos are vanquished and forced to sue for peace, the talk of concessions is liable to be misconstrued and lead to a prolongation of the struggle. That at least is the teaching of English history in dealing with semi-civilized races. The Americans evidently have a tough job, and it may be they have a long one. But we do not doubt they will do it thoroughly and in a workmanlike and effective fashion, as is their national way."

The Daily Chronicle prints extracts from a letter written by a distinguished British naval officer recently in the Philippine waters, who dilates upon the difficulties facing the Americans there. He is confident that the Americans can be "brought to clear out," but explains that "they cannot do this because of foreign merchants." The officer also remarks: "The Americans do not appear to understand the game of using one lot of natives against another. If they wish to conquer the islands they must adopt that plan, and also make roads and railroads."

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SAMOA QUESTION.

Instructions to the United States Consul at Apia.

Berlin, March 28.—The Associated Press correspondent here has obtained from the highest authority the following explanation of a feature of the Samoan question which has lately arisen: On the report that the American government had cabled to its admiral at Samoa to act in accordance with the decision of two out of three of the representatives of the powers, the German government made earnest representations to the American ambassador here that the Samoan treaty requires the concurrence of the three powers, and called attention to the dangers which were sure to arise if there was anything like a violation of the treaty. The American government made a frank and conciliatory answer, which has caused much satisfaction here. It recognized the necessity for unanimity on the part of all three powers under the treaty as a condition of any settled policy or permanent action, and declared the admiral was only authorized to act in agreement with a majority of the representatives of the three powers in a case of emergency which absolutely does not admit of delay. But in such case the ratification or adjustment by the unanimous vote of the three powers must be sought at the first possible moment, and no permanent action could be made without such unanimity.

The American government, it is added, cabled to its representatives in Samoa to pursue the most friendly and conciliatory policy towards the German representatives and German interests, carefully avoiding anything likely to be misconstrued or to create ill-will.

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CUBANS' MODEST REQUEST.

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Washington, March 28.—Representatives of the Cuban assembly, Senors Jose R. Villalonga and A. Nevia, who were appointed to present to the Washington authorities the resolutions of that body, have arrived here. Their mission in addition to the presentation of the resolutions is to explain in detail the situation of the Cuban army.

While the assembly did not reject the three million dollars which Gen. Gomez arranged with Mr. Robt. P. Porter to receive and pay off the Cuban troops, they believe it to be inadequate to meet the situation. They desire at least ten million dollars and as much more as can be obtained. They argue that if the Cuban army is disbanded after the distribution of but three million dollars, which would give each man about \$28, the money so obtained would be barely sufficient for them to procure clothes and return to their homes, leaving no margin upon which to enter upon the peaceful pursuits of life. Senor Villalonga says that disorders would almost inevitably follow and perhaps bring on a general insurrection.

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A LONDON MYSTERY.

Fortune Teller and Her Husband Supposed to Have Lured a Woman to Her Death.

London, March 28.—Fritz Metz, alias Breisnick, has been arrested in Berlin in connection with a murder committed in the apartments of his wife, or mistress, a masseuse and fortune teller, in a house in Tottenham Court road, in London, a little more than two weeks ago. Frau Breisnick was also arrested in Berlin shortly after the arrest of her alleged husband.

Minnie Gausow, who was a servant in the Breisnick household, had sworn that the body of the woman found in the Breisnick apartments was not that of her former mistress. Suspicion is aroused that the victim, came to the Tottenham Court road house in reply to Frau Breisnick's advertisement, seeking "advice and assistance in female ailments."

The landlord of the apartments admits that it was possible for the Breisnicks to have received a stranger without his knowledge. The presumption now is that Frau Breisnick went away, with her alleged husband, and instead of being the victim, was his accomplice in the murder of a woman lured into the couple's rooms.

Five weeks prior to the murder the couple took apartments in a house in No. 5 Whitfield street, Tottenham Court road. The woman gave her age as 39, though most people regard her as nearer 24. One of her landladies described her as having "an evil eye." The couple pretended to be husband and wife. For the rest they appeared a respectable couple, the man being well read in German literature and given to quoting gibberish from Lessing, Heine, and others. Neither of them could speak a word of English, and their name, "Breisnick," was an assumed one. The first move of the wife was to place the following advertisement in a London paper: "Consultations in a London paper: 'Consultations in a London paper, Tottenham Court road, Breisnick.'"

At the foot of the advertisement was a picture of the ace of clubs, which explained that the advertiser was a fortune teller, and open to practice her art for a fee. A number of German ladies responded to the offer, and it was only the inevitable curiosity of the landlady, who was a Dutchman, that put an end to the profitable business.

The woman then took to massage, in which she was very skilful, holding first-class certificates as a masseuse and nurse from Berlin hospitals. Suddenly it was noticed that the house was crowded with German ladies, who were waiting for the fortune teller and the masseuse to come. The landlady, peeped into the kitchen and saw that the bed-ding was in great confusion. Her suspicions were aroused, and calling her husband and a lodger they determined to enter the room. The door was forced and a sickening spectacle met their gaze.

On the bed lay the dead body of a woman who at the time was supposed to be Mrs. Breisnick, wrapped in a scarlet silk coverlet, with sheets, pillows and counterpanes piled upon it. The feet were swathed in both towels, and the body, laid out with care, presented a ghastly spectacle. The face was black and swollen, the hands green and crossed on the bosom, the features contorted and distorted with the agony of strangulation. Jewellery and money and all

valuable were gone. The Gladstone bag, with the man's real initials upon it, had also been taken away. The woman was the wife of a Berlin baker. Her husband, however, had put her in an insane asylum, though the woman declared she was perfectly sane. She was rescued from the asylum by a neighbor, and shortly afterwards met Breisnick, who had been in her husband's employ in Berlin. The two struck up an acquaintance and came to London six weeks before the murder.

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